

THE SECOND CONDITIONAL

We use the **second conditional** to:

☆ talk about hypothetical (**imaginary and improbable**) present and future situations

STRUCTURE

If + S + past simple,
S + would + infinitive

EXAMPLES

☆ If I were you, I'd eat fewer cakes
☆ I'd feel much better if I did more sport



Anne: I'm quite restless lately and I can't sleep.

June: If I _____ (be) you, I _____ (try) to relax.

Anne: I can't relax. If I _____ (sleep) better, I _____ (be) fresher in the morning and I _____ (concentrate) better in the exams.

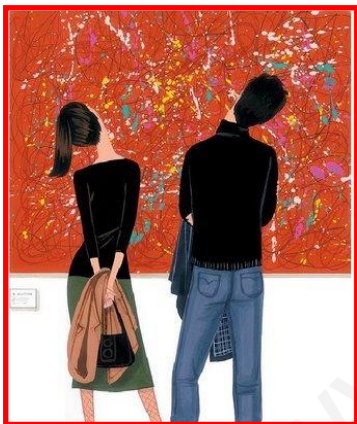
June: If you _____ (not/eat) so little, you _____ (feel) much more active and you _____ (be able to) cope with all the work we have this term.

Anne: Anyway, if I _____ (have) more free time to study, I _____ (pass) my exams, but with the part-time job and all...

June: If I _____ (be) you, I _____ (not/work) so much. I _____ (also/feel) stressed if I _____ (have to) work until late every night.

Anne: What _____ (you/do) if you _____ (be) in my place?

June: If I _____ (be) going through a difficult period in my life, I _____ (go) to see a doctor, I _____ (rest) and I _____ (not/smoke) so much!



Josh: Hey, Billy, I'm going on a date with a girl I met in my art class last week. Any ideas?

Billy: If I _____ (be) you, I _____ (take) her to a museum.

Josh: That's a good idea, which one do you recommend?

Billy: Well, if I _____ (have to) choose, I _____ (go) to the Tate Modern and I _____ (visit) the North wing, that's where the most interesting paintings are.

Josh: What if she gets bored?

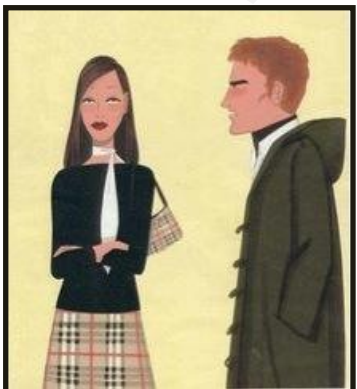
Billy: If she _____ (get) bored with Jackson Pollock's paintings, I _____ (suggest) her to visit Mark Rothko's room.

Josh: Maybe she doesn't like modern art.

Billy: If she _____ (not/like) modern art, I _____ (not/date) her anymore!!!!

Josh: If I _____ (be) you, I _____ (take) art so seriously!

Billy: and if I _____ (be) you, I _____ (not/date) so many girls!



Derek: If you _____ (be) more punctual, we _____ (not/arrive) late everywhere!

Rebecca: If I _____ (finish) work earlier, I _____ (be) ready before, but you know I always finish at eight o'clock.

Derek: Yes, but if you _____ (ask) your boss to let you leave half an hour before, we _____ (meet) our friends on time.

Rebecca: If you _____ (want) to meet your friends on time, you _____ (can/pick) me up from work, so I _____ (not/have) to take a bus home.

Derek: If I _____ (pick) you up from work, I _____ (not/have) time to change clothes.

Rebecca: If you _____ (love) me, you _____ (worry) about me!

Derek: If you _____ (not/act) like a child, you _____ (understand) me.

Rebecca: and if you _____ (not/be) so selfish, you _____ (know) why I am angry at you now!

Derek: I give up! Let's go. They're waiting for us.